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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### END OF SESSION – SF 359 – PROHIBITING AND REQUIRING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING TO A FETUS ACT

**Description.** [Senate File 359](#) does the following:

- Prohibits a person from knowingly acquiring, providing, receiving, otherwise transferring, or using a fetal body part in Iowa, with listed exemptions. Violators are guilty of a Class C felony.
- Revises the definition for “medical emergency” in Iowa Code section [146A.1](#) relating to prerequisites for abortion.
- Prohibits an abortion following the detection of a fetal heartbeat, except in cases defined as “medically necessary,” which is defined in the Act.

**Fiscal Impact.** A complete fiscal impact cannot be determined. Faced with restrictions provided in [SF 359](#), the University of Iowa Obstetrics and Gynecology Department may have to make arrangements for resident training to occur at another institution, may possibly lose accreditation, or may face other sanctions.

**Correctional Impact.** The Act is estimated to result in minimal correctional impact since crimes committed by licensed medical professionals are rare, and it is expected most licensed medical professionals will comply with law. Refer to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) memo addressed to the General Assembly, [Cost Estimates Used for Correctional Impact Statements](#), dated January 8, 2018, for information related to the correctional system.

**Enactment Date.** This Act was approved by the General Assembly on May 1, 2018, and signed by the Governor on May 4, 2018.

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